

**CITY OF FONTANA  
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 28, 2012**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2012, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, review Commission Assignments, review the Budget FY 2012-2013 and review the Community Services Department Work Plan Overview. The workshop was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Chairperson Goñi. Commissioners Espinoza, Quiroga, Rowland, Tigner, and Vaquera were present.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, June 28, 2012, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairperson Goñi, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Vaquera and an Invocation given by Pastor Charles Henderson, Relevant Church Inland Empire.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chairperson Goñi, Commissioners Espinoza, Quiroga, Rowland, Tigner, and Vaquera

Absent: None

Staff: Community Services Director Garth W. Nelson; Parks and Landscape Supervisor Erick Garwick; Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Supervisor Rafael Gonzalez; Community Services Coordinator Edyee Jimenez; Community Services Coordinator Hector Vazquez; Community Services Coordinator Vanessa Cortez, City Clerk Tonia Lewis, and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**Fontana Community Senior Center Quilting Club**

Michael Wright presented a certificate of appreciation to the Fontana Community Senior Center Quilting Club for their work in presenting quilts to the families of fallen soldiers and to children at the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

**Employee of the month:**

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Douglas Johnson, Community Services Coordinator II and Felix Vallin, Community Services Assistant as the employees of the month.

**DOUGLAS JOHNSON**

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Douglas Johnson as the Parks and Community Services employee of the month.

Douglas Johnson began working with the City of Fontana as a part-time staff member in 2002 and now serves in a full-time capacity at the Jessie Turner Health & Fitness Community Center. Over the years, Mr. Johnson has fulfilled a variety of duties, in many of the Community Services Department divisions. Mr. Johnson has worked in the Sports Division, Nature Center, Special Events, and is currently a Community Services Coordinator II at the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center.

At the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center, Mr. Johnson's main responsibility is to manage all contract classes and to oversee the day-to-day operations. There are currently over 70 different classes being offered, and he is also responsible for the basketball gymnasium, fitness room, and planning and assisting in various programs and community events both at the center and throughout the city.

Mr. Johnson provides superior customer service and has built a rapport with the residents that utilize the center and throughout Fontana Park. Douglas is a valuable team member, is well liked by his peers and staff and is a great asset to his supervisor and the Community Services Department.

Mr. Johnson graduated from California State University San Bernardino in 2009 with a bachelor's degree. He is married and has one child. When not at work, Mr. Johnson enjoys watching the Angels baseball team and spending time with his family.

The City of Fontana Community Services Department is proud to acknowledge Douglas Johnson as full-time Employee of the Month.

#### **FELIX VALLIN**

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Felix Vallin as the Parks and Community Services part-time employee of the month.

Mr. Felix Vallin began his employment with the City of Fontana in February of 2011, since this time he has been an integral part of the Fontana Sports Team. In a little over one year, Felix has been called upon to work a number of programs including Pee Wee Soccer, T-Ball, Basketball, Track and Summer Camp. However, the majority of Felix's time and effort is spent working the Adult Softball Program. Felix can be found dragging fields, scorekeeping, and assisting softball participants every Thursday, Friday, and Sunday at Southridge Park.

Mr. Vallin is a pleasure to work with and has great initiative, which is part of the reason softball participation has increased during his time with the program. Recently, Felix played a key role in recruiting teams and creating a new Adult Women's Division of the softball program. Felix is jokingly referred to as "Rookie" by his co-workers, mostly due to being the youngest member on the team. However based on his work ethic and performance, Felix is clearly a "Seasoned Veteran."

The Fontana Sports Team is proud to have him on their team and honored to have him recognized as this month's employee of the month.

#### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Rowland, and passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items "A-B."

- A. Approve minutes of the May 24, 2012 Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.
- B. Accept Staff Reports:
  - Community Services Department monthly reports for May 2012.
  - Public Works Department monthly report for May 2012.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **A. July is Parks and Recreation Month – Rob Bock**

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock reported on "July is Parks and Recreation Month". Community is created through people, parks and programs. Chairperson Goñi received a proclamation from the Mayor and City Council. Some of the City's programming includes:

- Aquatics programs at Fontana Park Aquatic Center, Don Day Pool, Heritage Pool, Miller Pool, and will be offered at the newest facility, Martin Tudor Splash Park, beginning August 11, 2012.
- A regionally known sports program. Pee Wee sports are offered in Basketball, T-ball and soccer; Youth sports are offered in Basketball, Flag Football, Roller Hockey and Track and Field; Adult sports are offered in Basketball, Hockey, Soccer and Softball. The Roller Hockey program is the only of a few municipal programs offered. There are 5,100 adults and 3,500 pee wee and youth participants in the sports programs.
- After school programs at 41 sites in Fontana and offer academic enrichment, homework assistance, and health and physical education with 3,500 youth participating monthly over 550,000 annually.
- Special events are offered annually, including the Fontana Days Run and Celebration, Festival of Winter, Veteran's Day, 9/11 Memorial event, Teen event, Fontana Car Show, and many co-sponsorships. Upcoming events include Summer Olympics, Family Fun Nights, Sunset Concerts, and Dive-In Movies at Heritage Park.
- Healthy Fontana offers walking clubs throughout the city, Farmer's Market every Saturday, Healthy Fontana nights at Cypress and Heritage Community Centers

offering health and wellness education, community outreach, and employee wellness.

- Senior Services at the Fontana Community Senior Center. Over 198 nutritious meals are served everyday; 151 one-way senior transportation trips were provided daily and 141,000 seniors were serviced last year through the nutrition program, resources, classes, clubs, and, transportation services.
- Community and Neighborhood Centers – Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center, Cypress Neighborhood Center, Don Day Neighborhood Center, Heritage Neighborhood Center, Jack Bulik Teen Center and Miller Fitness Center offer programming throughout the city.
- Arts programming is offered at Art Depot, Center Stage, Steelworkers' Auditorium, Miller Amphitheater, and the Nature Center.

Supervisor Bock thanked the Public Works Department for all of their support.

For more information call 909.349.6900 or visit [recreation.fontana.org](http://recreation.fontana.org)

**B. Adult Sports Recap – Rafael Gonzalez**

Community Services Supervisor Rafael Gonzalez introduced Community Services Coordinators Hector Vazquez and Vanessa Cortez to present a recap of the Adult Sports program.

Coordinator Vazquez reported that the Adult Sports Division is committed to providing a quality, safe, fun recreational sports experience while honoring the game. Sports offer leisure opportunities for adults to enjoy in the evenings and weekends. Adult sports are designed for ages 18 and up and are offered year round, Basketball is offered at Fontana Park; Soccer is offered at the Ralph M. Lewis Sports Complex; Softball is offered at Southridge Park.

The Adult Sports Program services 271 teams annually.

**C. Martin Tudor Splash Park Oral Update – Rafael Gonzalez and Luis Villalobos**

Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez introduced Community Services Supervisor Rafael Gonzalez and Park Development Coordinator Luis Villalobos who provided an update on the Martin Tudor Splash Park.

Coordinator Villalobos reported on the construction of the project.

Supervisor Gonzalez reported on the programming offered.

The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday, 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. through the end of August. Daily admission fees are \$3 for children 2-17 and senior citizens, and \$5 for adults 18 and over. Proper swim attire dress code is enforced.

Supervisor Gonzalez reported that rentals of the facility will be available in 2013.

Supervisor Gonzalez announced that grand opening details will be available via news releases, post cards, flyers, banners, and KFON.

For information, call 909.428.8822 or visit [SplashPark.fontana.org](http://SplashPark.fontana.org)

Discussion was held on the facility being available for people with special needs. The facility meets all ADA requirements.

Discussion was held on the capacity of the facility. The park is considered a commercial water park and must go through a stringent certification process and the county sets the capacity limits. The capacity limits will be posted once they are set.

Staff was commended for their work on this fast track project.

Invitations for the pre-grand opening event will sent to City Council members and Parks and Community Services Commissioners.

**D. Cypress Neighborhood Center Update – Eydee Jimenez**

Community Services Coordinator Eydee Jimenez provided an update on the Cypress Neighborhood Center.

The Cypress Neighborhood Center has been serving the residents of Fontana for over 30 years. Recently, the center began to undergo some changes that have developed and enhanced classes, events, programs, resources, rentals, partnerships, and facility renovations. Some of the renovations include painting the exterior and re-landscaping the Josephine Knopf Center, which was the old senior center; the interior has a new audio/visual system, and an enhanced lobby that is good for special events.

The Cypress Neighborhood Center offers:

- Classes in Kung Fu San Soo, Kick Boxing, Pom Pom/Cheer, Zumba, Ballet and Tap, Salsa Dancing, and a new 5K Running Training class to help runners to train for 5K and marathons;
- Special events such as Easter Eggstravaganza, Halloween Before Dark, Flash Back Board Game Day, Father's Day Celebration, Stay-at-Home Business Expo, Bride and Quince Expo, Toddler Olympics, and Ice Cream Friday;
- Programs such as Tiny Tots, Sparks Club, Friday Night Movies, Garden Plots, and Summer Camp Imagination;
- Partnerships with non-profit organizations such as Community Assistance Program (CAP), American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees, Historical Society, and Red Cross, which in conjunction with KLOS is holding a blood drive in July;
- Facility rentals for weddings, quinceañeras, birthday parties, company functions, city programs, and churches; and
- Partnerships in the community with City Link, Water of Life Summit, Calvary Chapel, Frito Lay, California State University San Bernardino, American Red Cross, Mountain West Financial, San Bernardino County Children and Social Services, Be the Message Church, and Hilton Garden Inn.

For more information, call 909.349.6988 or visit [cypress.fontana.org](http://cypress.fontana.org)

Chairperson Goñi commended Coordinator Jimenez for her heart and spirit with special needs students.

Coordinator Jimenez thanked Community Services administrators for their support.

Director Nelson also commended Coordinator Jimenez for her heart and compassion in the operation of the Cypress Neighborhood Center.

Discussion was held on the need for sponsorships in the form of prizes, entertainment, food donations, and volunteers. Anyone interested can call 909.349.6988.

**E. Special Events Update – Rob Bock**

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock provided a special events update.

Events from May include:

- May 12, 2012, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Big Play Day, the grand opening of the Pacific Electric Trail on Baseline and Cherry Avenues. There were over 1,000 residents enjoying the carnival games, photo booth, arts and crafts, opening ceremony and ribbon cutting.
- May 26, 2012, Fontana Car Show, at City Hall. There were 30 cars with 100 participants. The next Car Show is scheduled for June 30, 2012.

Upcoming events in July include:

- Family Fun Nights have begun! The events are scheduled as follows:
  - July 10, 2012, at Fernandez Park
  - July 17, 2012, at Sycamore Hills Park
  - July 24, 2012, at Fontana Park Aquatic Center
  - July 31, 2012, at Jack Bulik Park
- Summer Concerts at Miller Park are scheduled to have bands performing as follows:
  - July 12, 2012, Soto
  - July 19, 2012, Blue Breeze Band
  - July 26, 2012, The Silverados
- Poolside Fun at Heritage Pool with events scheduled as follows:
  - July 6, July 20, August 3, August 1, and August 24, themed event nights
  - July 13, July 27, August 17, and August 31, Dive In Movies
- Fontana Arts Festival on July 28, 2012, at Fontana Park, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Community Services Supervisor Michael Wright added that the San Bernardino Symphony will be performing a concert on Thursday, July 5, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Miller Park. This event is at no cost to the city.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Espinoza, seconded by Commissioner Tigner, and passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0; to receive and order filed reports on items "A-E" given under New Business.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:**

Parks and Landscape Supervisor Erick Garwick invited everyone to the Park Clean-Up at the Fontana Metro Link Station on July 14, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for the community to get together and help Metro Link with some light clean up.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMENTS:**

Director Nelson commended Rob Bock for his supervision of the Cypress Neighborhood Center.

Director Nelson announced that Chairperson Goñi received a proclamation from the City Council in recognition of July is Parks and Recreation Month.

Director Nelson commended the City Council for their support to provide programs to the community.

Director Nelson announced that staff is already gearing up for the After School Program that will begin in August and staff will be well trained as the new program begins.

Director Nelson commented that the community pools are very busy and commended Rafael and his staff for the great recreational service they provide. He encouraged residents to come out and take advantage of the pools.

Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez congratulated the employees of the month.

Community Services Manager Hernandez encouraged the community to come out and visit the aquatic center and pools.

Community Services Manager Hernandez commended her staff on their work at the Martin Tudor Splash Park and at the aquatics center.

Community Services Manager Hernandez commented that work is being done to train staff and enhance the After School Program.

Community Services Manager Hernandez sent prayers and love to Karen Gerber on the passing of her father.

Community Services Manager Hernandez wished everyone a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Community Services Supervisor Michael Wright invited everyone to come out to the Farmer's Market every Saturday from 8:00 to 1:00 p.m. for fresh fruits and vegetables.

Community Services Supervisor Michael Wright thanked Director Nelson and Manager Jennifer Hunt for the opportunity to fill in during her absence as well as other staff for their help and support.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Espinoza commended staff for all their work.

Commissioner Espinoza reminded everyone to keep their eyes open and look out for pedestrians.

Commissioner Espinoza wished everyone a good evening.

Commissioner Rowland is looking forward to Martin Tudor Splash Park opening.

Commissioner Rowland wished everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Commissioner Tigner thanked Rob Bock and his team for the great job they are doing.

Commissioner Tigner visited Cypress Neighborhood Center and people were happy with the look.

Commissioner Tigner asked everyone to be careful.

Commissioner Tigner wished everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Commissioner Quiroga visited Fontana Park on Monday and had a chance to see the programs and activities offered as well as the experiences the kids had. He stated that we often don't realize that the experiences kids have at city facilities are life long memories.

Commissioner Quiroga as a child visited Miller Park every summer; he took swimming lessons there and worked there; it is not just a park or a pool, it is a lot of memories.

Commissioner Quiroga commended the Community Services department for what they are doing and encouraged the community to go out and enjoy the activities available.

Commissioner Vaquera praised staff for awards received as a commission and a city because staff makes that possible.

Commissioner Vaquera sent condolences to Karen Gerber.

Commissioner Vaquera wished Jennifer Hunt to get well soon.

Commissioner Vaquera encouraged parents to take kids to centers and parks and for kids to take their parents.

Commissioner Vaquera looks forward to the Martin Tudor opening.

Commissioner Vaquera encouraged everyone to report any problems at the parks and encouraged everyone to keep our parks clean. Reporters can call 909.349.6900 or 909.350.4633.

Commissioner Vaquera asked everyone to be careful with fireworks this year, encouraged everyone to not use illegal fireworks, and to supervise kids using fireworks.

Commissioner Vaquera asked everyone to keep kids and pets safe.

Commissioner wished everyone a great a safe summer.

Commissioner Goñi thanked staff for all they do.

Commissioner Goñi announced that she accepted the July Parks and Recreation Month proclamation on behalf of the community.

Commissioner Goñi encouraged everyone to attend the Pops in the Park event.

Commissioner Goñi wished everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

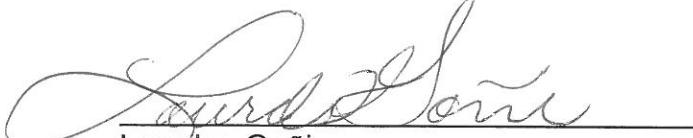
By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. to the Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting to be held on Thursday, July 26, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA 92335. Please call the Community Services Office at (909) 349-6904, if you are unable to attend the meeting.



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Ysela Aguirre

Boards and Commissions Secretary



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Lourdes Goñi

Chairperson